

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(MBHB 97-195-P)

In re the Application of:)	
Burg et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No: 09/901,181)	
)	Examiner: Kim
Filed: July 9, 2001)	
)	Conf. No.: 6516
For: Improved Nucleic Acid Assays)	

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RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2006, in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time. A fee of \$120 accompanies this paper. If any other fee is due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.